

REMARKS

I. All Pending Claims

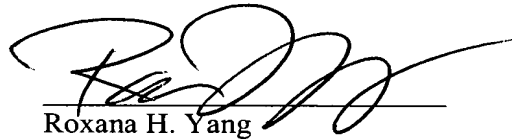
The Examiner previously stated that claims 2-3, 5-8, 20-21, 23-24, 26-27 were allowable but were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. Independent claims 1, 17, 22 and 34 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claim 5. Claim 5 has been canceled. As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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